



Attorney's Docket No. 1032360-000010

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) Group Art Unit: 2157
Atsushi Tomita) Examiner: Abdullahi Elmi Salad
Application No.: 09/810,489) Confirmation No.: 8259
Filing Date: March 19, 2001)
Title: EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT)
APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT)
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND)
EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT METHOD)

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Date: October 19, 2006

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Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the 395 790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1. A. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.
 B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested:
 - Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 16, 2006.
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - Other: _____
2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:
 - Preliminary Amendment.
 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
 - Information Disclosure Statement.

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- A Petition for Extension of Time.
- Other:
3. Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- No additional claim fee is required.
- The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

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Examination Fee (1801)					\$ 790
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Total Claims	14	Minus 20=	0	x 50 (1202)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	7	Minus 7=	0	x 200 (1201)	\$ 0
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$ 360					\$ 0
Total Fee					\$ 790
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TOTAL FEE DUE					\$ 790

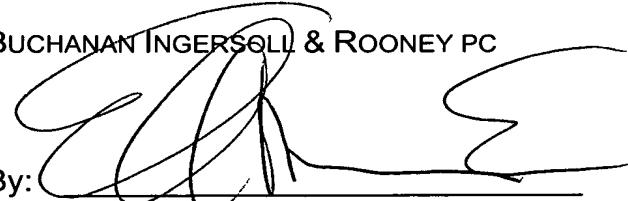
4. Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. **02-4800** for the fee due.
5. A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
6. Charge \$ 1,240 to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
7. Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

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8. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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